

MINUTES
CITY OF THORP REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY, MAY 8, 2017 AT 6:30PM
IN THORP CITY HALL

1. Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance

The meeting was called to order at 6:30pm. In attendance were Mayor Stroinski; Alderpersons Cowley, Lawcewicz, Abramczak, Rosemeyer, and Wnek; DPW McCredden; Deputy Clerk-Treasurer Pogodzinski; Police Chief Schneider; Library Director Beloungy; and City Administrator Reeg.

2. Presentation of the FY2016 Audit by Jon Trautman of Schenck

Trautman briefly reported on the audit. He reported that fund balance was healthy, rates of return for the water and sewer utilities were improving, and that the general audit process continued to get easier. As always, he offered that he was available year-round if any of the elected officials had questions or concerns. No action taken.

Item #13 and #7 was taken out of order at this time. Minutes will be kept in numerical order for record-keeping purposes.

ROUTINE BUSINESS

3. Comments and suggestions from pre-registered citizens

None.

4. Consent Agenda—The City Council, with a single vote and without debate, may act upon the following items. Any council member wishing to debate an individual item may request that it be considered separately

a. Approval of minutes from April 10, 2017 Regular City Council meeting

b. Approval of minutes from April 18, 2017 Special City Council meeting

c. Approval of Operator's License for Iris M. Kenner

d. Approval of Operator's License for Jenessa L. Cota

e. Confirm appointment of Nancy Maslowski to Library Board

M/M/S (Wnek, Lawcewicz) to approve the consent agenda. Carried unanimously.

5. Discussion and possible action relating to monthly reports:

a. Administrator's Report, Financial Report, Vouchers, Payroll Register & Journal Entries
M/M/S (Abramczak, Wnek) to approve all as presented. Carried unanimously.

b. Police Department monthly report
Nothing in addition to the monthly report

c. Public Works/Utilities monthly report; approval of monthly budget allocation
M/M/S (Wnek, Rosemeyer) to approve the monthly allocation of \$25,725. Carried unanimously.

d. Library monthly report
Nothing in addition to the monthly report.

e. Reports from various committees
Reeg reported that the Cemetery Board would be meeting, and the Park & Recreation Board had met a few times recently.

f. Reports from elected officials
Alderperson Lawcewicz reported on some complaints he had received on garbage accumulation at a property in his ward.

OLD BUSINESS

6. Discussion and possible action relating to changing the date of the June 2017 Regular City Council meeting
M/M/S (Lawcewicz, Wnek) to change the June meeting of the City Council to June 5th. Carried on a 4-1 vote with Alderperson Abramczak voting no.
7. Resolution 2017-05-1 “Resolution Awarding the Sale of \$1,910,000 General Obligation Corporate Purpose Bonds, Series 2017A”
Brian Reilly from Ehlers was on hand to give results of the bond offering and to discuss the schedule of remaining steps to be taken.
M/M/S (Wnek, Rosemeyer) to adopt the resolution. Carried by a unanimous roll call vote.
8. Discussion and possible action to adopt certain chapters of the Police Policy and Procedure Manual
M/M/S (Wnek, Lawcewicz) to adopt Sections 100, 300, 304, 306, 308, 311, 604, 900, and 1009. Carried unanimously.
9. Resolution 2017-05-2 “Resolution Authorizing Conveyance of Real Estate to Jason and Shelly Frankewicz”
M/M/S (Wnek, Rosemeyer) to adopt the resolution. Carried unanimously.
10. Resolution 2017-05-3 “Resolution Authorizing Conveyance of Real Estate to Brian and Shannon Grendzinski”
M/M/S (Rosemeyer, Abramczak) to adopt the resolution. Carried unanimously.
11. Resolution 2017-05-4 “Resolution Authorizing the Purchase of Real Estate from James R. and James D. Heling”
M/M/S (Rosemeyer, Cowley) to adopt the resolution. Carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

12. Resolution 2017-05-5 “Resolution Approving Pay Application #1 from Haas Sons Inc. for 2017 Street 7 Utility Improvement Project”
M/M/S (Lawcewicz, Wnek) to adopt the resolution. Carried unanimously.
13. Discussion and possible action relating to clarification of Employee Sick Leave Accrual and Retiree Health Insurance policies and implications on OPEB liability
Reeg and Trautman explained that since the time when the city first adopted these policies, there has been new GAAP accounting standards put into place that focused on Other Post-Employment Benefits (OPEB). The city’s current policy needed clarification to determine OPEB implications.
M/M/S (Lawcewicz, Wnek) to amend the policy to delineate that retirees must acquire their own individual health insurance policies at retirement and only then could be eligible for reimbursement for premiums paid from sick leave balances until the earlier of depleting the balance or becoming eligible for Medicare. Carried unanimously.
14. Discussion and possible action relating to ITA for lead service replacement grant money
It was agreed by general consensus to apply for these grant monies.
15. Discussion and possible action relating to proposed park rental fee increase from Park & Rec Board
M/M/S (Lawcewicz, Rosemeyer) to approve the recommended fee increase. Carried unanimously.

16. Discussion and possible action relating to possible vacation of street right of way on E. Grant St.
It was agreed by general consensus to move forward with the vacation process.

CLOSED SESSION

17. Consider moving into closed session per Wis. Stats. 18.85(1)(b) and (c) to discuss the following:

- a. Operator's License application from Daniel R. Samaniego
- b. Salary for Chief of Police
- c. Applicants for Public Works & Utilities-Primary Water Operator

M/M/S (Lawcewicz, Wnek) to move into closed session. Carried unanimously.

18. Reconvene into open session for any action required as the result of closed session

M/M/S (Lawcewicz, Wnek) to reconvenes in to open session. Carried unanimously.

M/M/S (Lawcewicz, Wnek) to approve an Operator's License for Daniel R. Samaniego on a 1-year probationary basis. Carried unanimously.

M/M/S (Lawcewicz, Rosemeyer) to set Schneider's salary at \$52,500. Carried unanimously.

CLOSING BUSINESS

19. Comments and suggestions from pre-registered citizens

Dewey McIntire (400 E. Stanley St., Thorp) questioned a bill received for snow removal. Reeg noted that a meeting of the Public Works & Utilities Board would be convened, at which he could appeal his bill. No action taken.

20. Reports from Department Heads, Mayor, Council, Committees, and discussion of future agenda items

None.

21. Adjournment

M/M/S (Lawcewicz, Cowley) to adjourn at 8:58pm. Carried unanimously.

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Ray Stroinski
Mayor

Randall D. Reeg
Administrator/Clerk-Treasurer